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► Melinda Maaskant, left, and Elizabeth Brown take their dogs Molly, Nuebe and Benney for a walk on a warm yesterday afternoon.

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## City basking in fine fall weather

Calgarians like Melinda and Elizabeth — and their three friends — are taking advantage of autumn temperatures that are well above average. The mercury reached 13 C yesterday and is expected to stay in double digits until week's end, before dipping back below 10 C on Saturday.

## Election night in America

Republicans make big gains in U.S. Congress {page 6}

## Greasing the wheels

Study finds Canada still gives billions to oil sector {page 10}

# Cops take aim at sex trade

► Police seized 11 vehicles whose total value was about \$98,500 ► 11 sex-trade workers given no-go conditions, which mean they can't go to certain areas of the city



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Police executed 18 arrest warrants last week during a crackdown on prostitution on the city's southeast.

In response to community concerns, police in District 4 conducted a four-day investigation that yielded 28 charges, according to Staff Sgt. Colin Adair.

Adair said about half of those charges were against sex-trade workers and the other half were against sex-trade offenders, more commonly known as johns.

"We've got concerns from the public and we're here to work with the public to try to do what we can," he said.

"It's a big social concern as well as a criminal concern in the neighbourhoods, so we're working hard with the vice unit to do what we can."

Adair would not name any communities in particular, but said prostitution was happening outdoors, in public.

Staff Sgt. Don Coleman, of the vice

### Clamping down

► The sex-trade offenders, or johns, ranged in age from 29 to 59 years old and were from all over the city, as well as Okotoks and Fort McMurray.

► In total this year, 119 sex-trade offenders have been charged, and police have seized 77 vehicles belonging to sex-trade offenders.

unit, said prostitution tends to negatively impact communities in several ways.

"There's increase in traffic, there's arguably a criminal element that's around, often associated with drug use," said Coleman.

"I think most major cities have prostitution at some level; the Calgary Police Service is committed to making sure that we provide adequate resources at any level."



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# Bottles picked over panhandling: Study

## Not all who panhandle or bottle pick are homeless, says report

Panhandlers are putting down their hands and picking up other ways to find income, according to new research done in the city.

In a study by the Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF), the economic downturn has had the city's homeless often opting for bottle picking over panhandling.

"There seems to be this culture where most prefer working to begging," said Tim Richter, president and CEO of CHF.

The study took place from May to August 2010 and found about 30 active panhandlers and 250 bottle pickers in the city.

The results of the study found bottle pickers make about an average of \$25 to \$40 a day, or about \$3.50 to \$5.75 per hour versus an average panhandler, who makes about \$20 a day, or \$80 during special events.

One downtown panhan-

### 1 in 5 housed

► People who collect bottles work an average of seven-hour days starting at 5 a.m. and walk as much as 25 kilometres per day, said the report.

► Twenty per cent of people interviewed in the research were housed.

dler said the increase in bottle picking has to do with the panhandling by-law.

"You have to be very wary of where you are," said Aaron T.

Aaron said he can make up to \$170 a day if he worked at it the whole day.

"You have to have the charm, smile and look appropriate," said Aaron T.

The CHF study will be used to move forward with Calgary's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

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► Mark B. and James F. share a laugh yesterday outside the Uptown Bottle Depot on 10th Ave. SW.

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## Treatment gives hope to kids

The Alberta Children's Hospital has found success in a procedure that lets kids with scoliosis be kids again.

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allows children to lead an almost normal lifestyle," he said.

Cathy Bartsch says this procedure has kept her son moving and out of a wheelchair.

"It's good seeing your kid just being a kid," she said.

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► Nicki Bartsch, a patient of the VEPR system.

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### News in brief

#### Bobcat used in robbery attempt

LINDEN. Police are looking for two suspects who attempted to break into a bank in Linden with a Bobcat yesterday. Airdrie RCMP responded to a call from a bank employee around 5 a.m. The Bobcat is believed to have been stolen from Calgary.

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#### Live webchat over project

CITY. At 10:30 a.m. today, the City of Calgary will be hosting a live chat with Calgarians about the current rubber sidewalk pilot project.

A transportation engineer with the city, Blanka Bracic, will be available during the chat to answer questions.

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## Police officer rescued after collision

Emergency responders rescued one of their own yesterday after a female police officer was involved in a collision.

Around 11:40 a.m., a single-officer marked ve-

hicle collided with another vehicle near 16 Avenue and 50 Street SE, causing the officer to become trapped.

She was freed from vehicle and transported to hospital by EMS with serious, non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the other vehicle was not injured.

According to a release from police, the investigation is underway.

It hasn't been determined if the officer was responding to a call.

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## Arrests after mall 'derby'

Police have taken three young offenders into custody after coming across a "demolition derby" in a mall parking lot, according to a release from police.

While on routine patrol around 6 a.m. yesterday, officers located three stolen vehicles smashing into each other and being raced at Chinook Centre parking lot.

When approached by police, two of the offenders fled on foot while the third vehicle sped away, nearly hitting a Calgary po-

lice officer.

The two suspects that fled on foot were caught a while later with the use of K9 resources.

The third offender was also arrested several hours later. Police are not looking for any other suspects in this case.

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## Take Our Kids to Work Day goes today

Today is the annual Take Our Kids to Work Day, in which Grade 9 students throughout the country will experience just what it is like to be a working adult. ● METRO

## Suncor eyes wind power

Hoping to begin a green energy initiative, Suncor Energy Inc. plans to purchase 55 wind turbines from General Electric in an effort to give electricity to 35,000 homes in the Calgary area.

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# Victim's mom 'miserable'

► Robert (Robbie) Anthony Jones was gunned down on Aug. 20, 2008, in the 8400 block of Saddleridge Dr. NE ► Flyers printed in four languages

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The mother of a slain 19-year-old man describes the last 805 days as "miserable."

The parents of Robbie Jones — who was shot outside his NE home in 2008 — are resorting to door-to-door tactics to help find answers in their son's death.

"We need justice for Robbie," said Darleen Jones, Robbie's mother.

Police still have no suspects in custody and are hoping to have more witnesses come forward.

Calgary Crime Stoppers will be distributing about 850 flyers with Robbie's photo and information about his murder in four different languages, around the NE neighbourhood where he was executed.

The flyers will begin being delivered by Canada Post starting this week.

Police are hoping these flyers will trigger the memory of any potential witnesses.

"We have stalled somewhat, we are hoping this approach may yield some further results," said Det. Len Minello, with the Major Crimes Section.

Police say his death was not random.

They also say Robbie



► Darleen and Ed Jones, parents of slain 19-year-old Robert Jones, speak to media about their son who was murdered Aug. 20, 2008.

### Previously

Previous to Robbie's slaying, someone fired shots at the Jones' family home. No one was hurt.

► Killed On Feb. 3, 2007, Robbie's friend Adam Cavanah, was killed by a single shot through the basement window of his home. On Aug. 9, 2008, another friend of Robbie's was shot outside a NE home in daylight.

Robbie's death, even the simple act of shopping alone terrifies her. Anyone with any information regarding Robbie's death is encouraged to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

# Video takes aim at drunk driving

► Victoria School of the Arts, Alberta Motor Association, police provided \$7,500 in funding for film

## Alberta flunks on hospital waits

A national watchdog group of doctors is giving Alberta a failing grade on reporting health wait lists — but Alberta says the mark is unfair.

The Wait Time Alliance says Alberta has failed to send in its wait times this year as promised and is the only province to renege on a deal to set and guarantee wait times for one procedure in return for \$62 million in federal funding.

The alliance says Alberta promised the federal

government six years ago it would post the wait times online and meet a guarantee for an eight-week limit on waits for cancer treatment.

Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky says the wait lists have not been put online for a year because of computer problems, but says he has ordered the fix to be expedited.

Health Department spokesman Howard May says the government is meeting its commitment to the cancer treatments and that the federal government has no concerns with the progress.

Wait lists have become the hot topic in Alberta after a recent letter from doctors said the emergency ward system is crumbling under long waits and bed shortages.

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### LAND SALE

## Shutting the spudgates

It appears the door has closed in Alberta on what critics called "potatogate."

Mel Knight, the provincial sustainable resources minister, has told the legislature a proposal to sell 65 square kilometres of public land in southern Alberta to a potato mag-

nate is over because the potential buyer has pulled out.

The Progressive Conservative government has come under fire in the legislature in recent days over the proposed sale of grassland to Louis Ypma of SLM Spud Farms. The company contributed \$2,000 to the Progressive Conservatives' election campaign in 2008, and donated money to the Cardston-Taber-Warner Progressive Conservative riding association last year and in 2007.

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## Memorial service held for pilot

The pilot killed in a plane crash in northern Alberta was honoured yesterday during a memorial service in Lethbridge.

Andrew Fielding, 31, was killed after his plane went down just short of the runway at Kirby Lake. Fielding was the only occupant killed in the crash.

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## Red Deer shelter at capacity

The Central Alberta Emergency Women's Shelter in Red Deer has reached its capacity. But executive director Ian Wheeler says the shelter has 40 beds, just 10 fewer than larger cities like Calgary and Edmonton. He says being full means more women and children are getting out of abusive relationships.

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Film studies students at Edmonton's Victoria School of the Arts have worked with staff members to create a video that will promote an anti-drink and driving message.

Working with Alberta Motor Association and Edmonton Police Services, the students have produced an educational video entitled Dead End

Drive. The fast-paced video features a charismatic lead character, a muscle car and a rock band.

In the end, more than 150 people contributed to the project, with an official unveiling taking place Friday at Victoria School.

The film was shot in and around Edmonton on a budget of \$7,500 funded by Vic, AMA and EPS.

It is estimated that \$25,000 in volunteer hours also went into the production.



► Edmonton art students created an anti-drunk driving video in conjunction with the Alberta Motor Association.

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## Man hit with 22 charges

Twenty-two murder charges have been laid against an alleged biker boss once tied to the construction company now involved in the renovation fiasco on Parliament Hill.



► Ouimet

The whopping litany of accusations was delivered in a Montreal courtroom against an alleged Hells Angels boss, Normand (Casper) Ouimet, whom police had been seeking for almost two years. There were charges of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, gangsterism and a slew of others related to criminal corruption in the construction industry.

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## Mail bomb reaches German leader

Suspected Greek terrorists unleashed an unprecedented two-day wave of mail bomb attacks in Athens and abroad, with one package reaching the office of German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday.

Greek militant groups are suspected of mounting the attacks targeting embassies in Athens and international organizations and foreign leaders abroad. If that is confirmed, it would mark a dramatic escalation for organizations that have never before attempted to strike targets abroad.

The mail-bomb campaign used small devices that only caused one injury and minimal damage.

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# U.S. right makes big gains on election night



► Harris Blackwood, communications director for Georgia gubernatorial candidate Nathan Deal, holds a broom, claiming a sweep for Republicans at the Georgia Republican Party's election night watch party.

Historically, sitting president's party suffers in midterm vote

### History repeats?

- In 1994 Bill Clinton's Democrats lost 57 House of Representatives seats in the midterms.
- He went on to become the first Democratic president to win a second term after Harry Truman almost 50 years earlier.

Opposition Republicans delivered a stinging blow to Barack Obama's presidency in elections yesterday, capturing enough seats to win control of the House of Representatives. They made big gains in the Senate but fell short of a majority.

With some districts still undecided, Republicans had picked up the 40 seats they needed for a majority in the House.

Obama would have to deal with a more conservative Congress, which would include members of the Tea Party movement. John Boehner, a conservative from Ohio, would replace Nancy Pelosi as speaker.

The results reflected Americans' frustrations with the weak U.S. economy and disillusionment with Obama, who was

swept into office two years ago on a message of hope and change.

In the Senate, Republicans won at least five Senate seats now held by Democrats with victories in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arkansas, North Dakota and Indiana. But Democrats hung on to their majority by keeping their seats in California and West Virginia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# **Gay activists call for Italian PM to resign**

**► Berlusconi defended his fondness of women by saying it was better to love beautiful women than be gay**

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi dismissed calls yesterday to resign over his involvement with an underage Moroccan runaway—and even created a new uproar by claiming it was better to love beautiful girls than gays.

His comments sparked outrage from gay rights groups and fuelled new calls for him to step down.

Opposition politicians have charged that Berlusconi abused his office by calling Milan police in May when the then-17-year-old runaway nicknamed Ruby was detained for alleged theft. Newspapers have reported that Berlusconi told police that a local party of-



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franco Fini, said his antics had embarrassed the country.

But Berlusconi again defended his lifestyle and fondness for young women, telling a trade fair in Milan yesterday it was “better to be passionate about a beautiful girl than a gay.”

Gay rights group Arcigay demanded an apology for causing offence to both women and gays.

A prominent supporter, Daniela Santanche, a government undersecretary, rallied to the premier’s defense, saying there was nothing disturbing in his comment.

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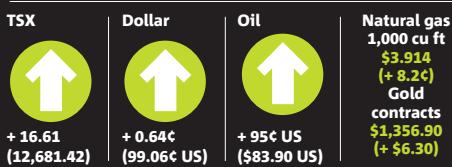


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## BP back in black after oil spill

BP PLC says the cost of the devastating Gulf of Mexico oil spill has grown to \$40 billion US, dragging down its third quarter net profit by more than 60 per cent despite higher oil and gas prices.

The London-based company said yesterday

it returned to profit for the first time since the April spill, though the \$1.79-billion net income was still well below a year-earlier profit of \$5.3 billion because it set aside an extra \$7.7 billion to pay for the spill response and cover future fines and compensation.

The latest spill charge, due to a delay in sealing the busted Macondo well, was far above market forecasts of a rise of around \$2-3 billion.

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## Sales up for Ford and Honda

It was a mixed bag for Canada's major automakers last month, with some like Ford and Honda reporting their best October in years, while Toyota and General Motors saw an overall slump in sales.

Ford said its sales were up eight per cent from a year ago to 19,664 vehicles.

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## Workin' on the night shift

Researchers at the University of British Columbia say Canadians who work night and rotating shifts are nearly twice as likely to be injured on the job.

Lead author Imelda Wong says the disruption of normal sleep patterns can cause drowsiness or fatigue, which can lead to workplace injuries.

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# Canada's oil subsidies defy G20 pact: Study

► **Fiscal cost of subsidies expected to double by 2020: Report**

► **Subsidies can distort markets**

An independent analysis says Canadian governments are subsidizing the oil patch to the tune of about \$2.8 billion a year, despite a G20 agreement to pare back such support.

The Winnipeg-based International Institute for Sustainable Development has been adding up the fossil-fuel subsidies of major countries around the world.

In its in-depth study of Canadian supports for oil production, the institute concludes the federal government was responsible for handing over production subsidies worth \$1.4 billion in 2008 — about half the total value of government relief.

The Alberta government's production subsidies were worth \$1.1 billion, while Saskatchewan helped with \$327 million, and Newfoundland and Labrador gave \$83 million worth of relief.

The report says the fiscal cost of the subsidies is expected to double by 2020, causing a two per cent increase in Canada's greenhouse-gas emissions.

At the same time, Canada

## Subsidies

Last spring, the Finance Department recommended Prime Minister Stephen Harper eliminate federal fossil-fuel subsidies.

► Officials argued that the government would save money, be true to its principles of not interfering in the free market, and also show a dedication to fighting climate change.

► Harper rejected this advice. Instead he has highlighted the fact that his government is phasing out accelerated capital-cost allowances for the oilsands.

► The development institute found 63 subsidy programs in Canada — mainly a mix of tax breaks and royalty reductions meant to increase exploration and development.



► A protester on Parliament Hill demonstrates against the Alberta oilsands in Ottawa in September.

commitments the G20 has made to tackle climate change.

The topic will surface again next week when Prime Minister Stephen Harper attends the G20 summit in Seoul.

The Harper govern-

ment promised to phase out fossil-fuel subsidies at the 2009 G20 meeting, and this study shows that these subsidies are not only still there, but getting bigger," said Keith Stewart, climate campaigner for Greenpeace Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## PotashCorp debate heating up

Ottawa should block BHP Billiton's bid for PotashCorp because promises made by foreign companies in takeovers often amount to "dreams and train smoke," Saskatchewan's premier said yesterday, a day before the federal government will rule on the deal, the largest takeover in Canadian history.

Brad Wall said it would be a betrayal of the province if reports are true that Investment Canada has already tentatively approved the takeover, subject to certain conditions.

The Saskatchewan government is firmly against the BHP bid, saying it does not provide a net benefit to the province or the country.

Industry Minister Tony Clement flatly denied reports yesterday that Investment Canada had already made a tentative recommendation to approve the takeover, subject to certain conditions. Clement is expected to announce Ottawa's ruling on the \$38.6-billion US takeover today. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# PHENOMENON OF 'FAKE' CELEBRITIES

## Just sayin'

**PAUL SULLIVAN**



### Who is Kim Kardashian and why is she famous?

**E**verywhere you go, there she is. She's on TV, she's at the supermarket, she's all over the Internet. She's making an album, she bought a Rolls Royce to celebrate turning 30, she releases more fragrances than a flower shop.

Finally, after running into Kim just about everywhere, I decided to find out who she is and what she is famous for.

After extensive research, I can report with some authority: Nothing. Kim Kardashian is famous for nothing.

Consider the evidence. She's the daughter of a Hollywood lawyer and the stepdaughter of Bruce Jenner, who was an Olympic decathlete a million

years ago. She's one step up from Everywoman, but that's not enough to make her famous.

She's Armenian-American but so is Cher (Cherilyn Sarkisian) and Cher can sing.

She's attractive, but then so are millions of other young women and they're not famous, except in their dreams.

So how does Kim Kardashian make \$5.5 million per year and who cares that she wants to make an album?

She has the trappings of celebrity — there's a reality show, a Dancing With The Stars gig, but the deeper you dig, it's a house of cards. There's no talent for acting or singing (or dancing,

for that matter).

I'm not the only one who has noticed that compared to Kim Kardashian, Paris Hilton is a genuine star. At least Paris is amused by everything around her, including herself. Kim, as far as we can tell, is qualified to go shopping, or maybe eat lunch. Here's Fran Lebowitz, famous New York author and cynic, on the Kardashian

phenomenon: "I am aware that there are these people called Kardashians, even if I have never seen one. It won't last."

When she says "it won't last," Fran means the reality show fake celebrity. "Because nothing lasts. Things may not change for the

better — although it's almost impossible to imagine things changing for the worse — but they will change."

There are signs that Kim Kardashian is the end of the line. The National Enquirer, the mother of all celebrity gossip rags, has filed for bankruptcy protection. Survivor is recycling Survivor survivors. And when was the last time you heard anything from Jessica Simpson? Fake celebrity is so over. Maybe just in time to nip Kim's album in the bud.

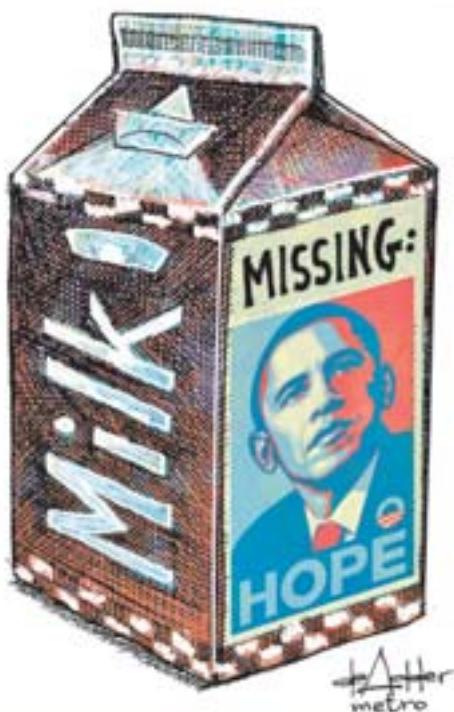
But, yes Fran, it can get worse. Even in our worst nightmares, we failed to predict Kim Kardashian. But there she is, cluttering up Google. Be afraid. Be very afraid.



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MICHAEL DE ADDER



# 'There's no compromise'

## Worth mentioning

An unprecedented meeting between conservationists and leaders of the dolphin-hunting village depicted in the Oscar-winning film *The Cove* ended in bitter disagreement yesterday.

The carefully organized meeting in Taiji, Japan, was jolted beforehand when the film's star, Ric O'Barry, said he would boycott because severe restrictions had been imposed on the media covering the talks.

Taiji's hunt each year draws a range of protesters who videotape the slaughter and occasionally scuffle with local fishermen. This season — the first since

## Dolphin debate



the Oscar was awarded — the attention has been particularly intense, and the usually unresponsive town leaders agreed to a discussion at the town's community centre.

"There's no compromise to be made. There will be no stopping of our activities until the harassment, capture and slaughter of both dolphins

and whales on this planet ends," said Sea Shepherd member Scott West, who has been in the area for nearly two months to monitor the hunts.

Village fishermen defended the hunt as part of a centuries-long tradition, pointing out that Westerners kill other animals for food.

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## Metro Minute at animation festival

If you're looking to see some unique films, take a few minutes to check out the GIRAF animation festival that runs through Sunday. In its sixth year, the Giant Incandescent Resonating Animation Festival only shows independent films.

The festival includes feature- and short-length films and is the only exclu-

sively independent animation film festival in Canada.

Over the five days there will be film screenings, workshops and panel discussions. Today, the festival is screening *Waking Sleeping Beauty* at the Plaza Theatre in Kensington. Tickets are \$10 or \$12 and the show begins at 7 p.m. ▶ KATIE TURNER



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## News in brief



Justin Bieber's music has inspired a collection of nail polish, but the 16-year-old singer says he won't be wearing any of the Bieber-rific shades.

"It's not really my nail polish line. Like, I think it's weird to think about that," he said at a recent event to promote his autobiography, *First Step 2 Forever: My Story*.

Bieber says the nail polish from Nicole by OPI, which is set to hit stores next month, is inspired by his hit songs. "Like, there's names like named after my music," he said. "I don't know," he said. "It's like a really weird concept."

The collection, called One Less Lonely Girl, is set to include a bright red shade called OMB! and a glittery polish named Step 2 the Beat of My Heart.

Members of Bieber's team chimed in to add that the impetus for the nail polish line was OPI's willingness to donate to Pencils of Promise, a school-building organization Bieber has supported before.

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Longtime *Wheel of Fortune* announcer Charlie O'Donnell dies in Los Angeles at 78

► Fatherhood played for laughs and sincerity in *Hangover* director's latest effort ► Downey Jr. says he used Phillips as inspiration for role as the high-strung father-to-be



► Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis star in *Due Date*.

# Due Date gives birth to plenty of laughs

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If you want to be schooled in comedy, get ready, because class is in session and you will be tested on this later. Lesson number one: "People who are like a truck with no brakes are inherently funny." So decrees Zach Galifianakis when discussing his new movie, *Due Date*.

The film, which reunites Galifianakis with his *Hangover* director, Todd Phillips, offered him the chance to go mano a mano with Robert Downey Jr., who stars as a high-strung father-to-be forced to hitch a ride across the country with a train-wreck aspiring actor (Galifianakis) in order to make it to his child's birth on time.

Sitting down to speak with the trio and looking over their cumulative bod-

ies of work, you realize these men are responsible for some of the funniest moments in recent film history which is probably why *Due Date* is drawing inevitable comparisons to *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, another odd couple road comedy. Phillips says they feel the most related to "in an odd way, *Rainman*."

"It is a road movie (but) at its core it's about Zach's character having just lost his father and Robert, who's about to become a father for the first time, and why they needed to meet at this moment," Phillips offers, in a moment of surprising sincerity.

Asked why the theme of fatherhood was appealing to a "Frat Pack" director whose films usually center on men clinging to their faded youth, Phillips replies, "I started making movies about college kids

and I tend to grow with my movies, they're always about my age range. That's the next step in life; fatherhood. It seemed like an interesting thing to mine, both for emotion and comedy."

Much like Bradley Cooper in *The Hangover*, when asked about his part, Downey Jr. admits he was sort of playing Phillips, though, he adds, "Every time I feel I really hit critical mass is when the director and I become a third thing and that's the character. I always feel I'm playing an aspect of the director. It's a way of making him a proud parent."

Fittingly, Phillips is quick to lavish praise on his star in response, applauding Downey Jr.'s "procedural brain."

"He's basically another writer in the room," Phillips says. "Not to discredit the writers."

"No, it's a great script —

which made me hate it even more," Downey Jr. smirks.

"Yeah, Robert has an aversion to all things typed, I've learned," Phillips replies. "Even if we just rewrote the scene on a napkin, he felt better about it."

"To be honest, this was the most healing project I've ever worked on," Downey Jr. continues. "I've never come up against anyone who is so confident and thoughtful and spontaneous. He's just in a class by himself. And Todd is the best director I've ever worked with, bar none."

"Did you all get that?"

Phillips deadpans. "And did you get what he said before it?" Galifianakis asks, before turning to Phillips and admitting with a laugh, "You know, I thought he was talking about you the whole time but then he switched over!"

## The must see road comedies

The road comedy is one of Hollywood's simplest formulas. Get a pair of contrasting personalities, trap them on a plane, train, or automobile with a strict deadline and you've got comedy gold. This week *The Hangover* director Todd Phillips tries his hand at the genre with Zach Galifianakis and Robert Downey Jr. in *Due Date*. Gearing up for the release, Metro has compiled a list of some of the finest road comedies ever made.

1 *Planes, Trains, And Automobiles* (1987): Contrary to popular belief John Hughes' greatest achievement was not one of his teen movies, but this hysterical and surprisingly emotionally resonant road comedy with Steve Martin and John Candy.

2 *It Happened One Night* (1934): Frank Capra's comedy classic with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert is one of only three movies to sweep the five main Oscar categories (actor, actress, director, screenplay, and Best Picture).

3 *Lost In America* (1985): It's sad that so few people appreciate the genius of Albert Brooks these days. Though mostly forgotten, Brooks wrote, directed, and starred in this gem about a pair of yuppies quitting their jobs for the open road.

4 *The Hope/Cosby "Road To" Pictures* (1940-1962): No discussion of road comedies would be complete without mentioning Bob Hope and Bing Crosby's still hilarious series of "Road To" movies (often parodied on *Family Guy*).

5 *National Lampoon's Vacation* (1983): The '80s comedy dream team of screenwriter John Hughes, director Harold Ramis and Chevy Chase may have spawned a successful franchise with *Vacation*, but the original trip to Walley World remains the darkest and the best. • PHIL BROWN



► John Candy in *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*.

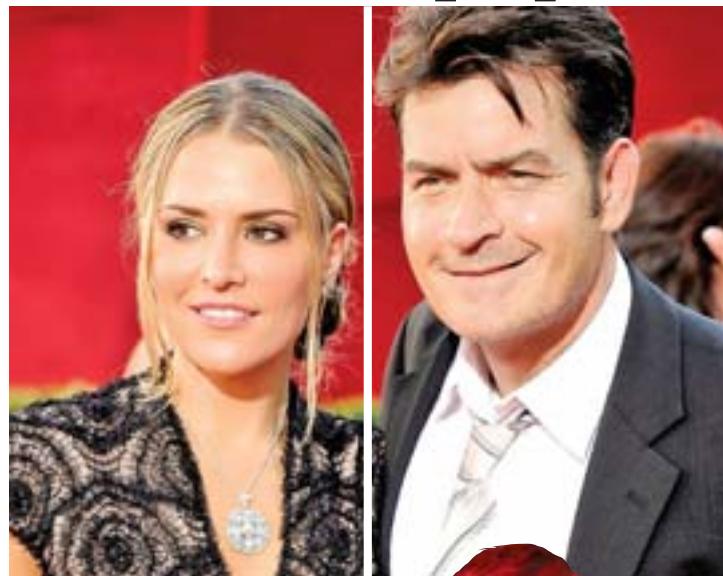


# Both Sheen and Mueller file their divorce papers

Charlie Sheen and wife Brooke Mueller each filed for divorce separately this week in Los Angeles, according to People magazine. Mueller wants custody of their young twin sons with visitation rights for Sheen, while Sheen wants joint custody, according to the filings.

The troubled couple cite irreconcilable differences and acknowledge they've been separated since their violent Christmas Day fight in Aspen, Colo., last year. Sources tell TMZ the timing had less to do with Sheen's recent incident in New York and more to do with him not wanting Mueller making their divorce fodder for her upcoming reality show.

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## Rihanna rues missing Katy Perry's nuptials



Katy Perry may have understood that Rihanna couldn't make it to her wedding in India, but the Barbados-born singer isn't so quick to forgive herself. "I will never ever forgive myself for that," she tells Ryan Seacrest in a radio interview. Rihanna says she was cautioned off attending because her new album needed promoting, which

might've proved difficult in India: "There was no phone service in India and very little-to-no Internet service, so it would have been a little irresponsible of me." • METRO



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**Paula Abdul** [@paulaab-dul] I got caught tweeting LOL! on set now, mystery glam team won't let me outta their sight!

**Ashley Tisdale** [@ashleytisdale] Note to self: When your not allowed bread in ur diet.. don't go down the bakery aisle at the grocery store!

**Jesse McCartney** [@jessemccartney] Hey everyone. I lost my phone. Sorry I was gonna for a couple days, but I'm back! Gettin' ready to release a video for you guys soon!

**Lady Gaga** [@ladygaga] I'd wear any of my private attire for the world to see. But I would rather have an open flesh wound than wear a band aid in public. • METRO

## Demi Lovato in treatment

**HELP.** Demi Lovato, one of Disney's biggest names, checked herself into a facility to address the concerns. A person familiar with the situation previously told The Associated Press that Lovato entered treatment for problems including an eating disorder and cutting herself. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Contradictory Cancun

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Despite its legendary party reputation, Cancun really is a place of stark contrasts. On any given day, you can head deep into the heart of a wild jungle exploring ancient ruins, then find yourself in a concrete jungle inside what has to

be one of the wildest bars in Mexico, the Coco Bongo.

In the spirit of research, I ventured into this famous downtown nightclub, and soon found myself jammed in the middle of 2,000 wild, screaming, heavy-drinking party-goers. Did I mention these people were drinking... a lot?

Just to make things even more surreal, films played on the walls, acrobats swung from the ceiling, and I'm sure I saw Spiderman climbing a chandelier. Okay, I admit it was pretty cool. This is the crazy side of Cancun



you hear so much about, but there really is so much more.

The nearby Mayan Riviera not only offers a low-key vibe with amazing beaches and turquoise water, it's also the gateway to some pretty impressive cultural attractions.

The Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, which date back to 445 BC, are nothing less than amazing. The 75-foot-high Kukulcan Temple draws huge crowds every year, when it accurately predicts the spring and fall equinoxes in a spectacle of light and shadow.

Nearby is the well-preserved ball court where Mayans used to play their sport of the day.

Another historical site worth visiting is Tulum, located about 80 miles south of Cancun — an ancient city that sits on a cliff overlooking the Caribbean.

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## ► Calgary restaurant Charcut named among top 10 list of new eateries by Air Canada magazine enRoute

Judging from a new top 10 list of recently opened restaurants, travellers in Canada have an exciting array of eateries to tempt their palates.

After sampling some 200 dishes in places that ranged from a star chef's handcrafted restaurant in rural Ontario to a next-generation Chinese restaurant in Vancouver, Air Canada's enRoute magazine has come up with a top 10 list of winning restaurants that opened between summer 2009 and summer 2010.

The mouthwatering winner is Haisai Restaurant and Bakery in Sing-

hampton, Ont.

"Dinner here is a fairytale, the kind with a very happy ending," enRoute's contributing food writer Sarah Musgrave, says of Haisai.

The remaining nine restaurants that received honours in enRoute's ninth annual survey, along with surveyor Musgrave's comments, are:

**Bao Bei Chinese Brasserie, Vancouver.** "Chef Joel Watanabe home spins ingredients from close by with flavours from far away, irreverently and intelligently reminding us

**"Dinner here is a fairytale, the kind with a very happy ending."**

ENROUTE FOOD WRITER SARAH MUSGRAVE ON HAISAI

that comfort food doesn't have to be white bread."

**Cava Spiliadis, Montreal.** "Greece isn't all shoreline. And if Cava is anomalous in being a Greek steakhouse, it's also a showcase for the country's mainland cuisine."

**Local Kitchen & Wine Bar, Toronto.** "The earnest ener-

gy and post-pretentious attitude — down to the name — belies the finely tuned offerings: scratch food so close to the heart, they wouldn't dream of writing 'homemade' on the chalkboard."

**Stone Soup Inn, Cowichan Valley, B.C.** "The scent of ocean-dashed cedar emanates in little huffs and puffs from a bentwood box ... the container cooks the seafood in no time, caressing it with the essence of land and sea. Eaten plain, it's elemental. With duck-egg mayo, it's elevated."

**Charcut Roast House, Calgary.**

"In a city of steakhouses, Charcut is a meathouse. Their version of the Cowtown standby, the prime rib special, sees locally sourced, range-fed beef smoked, spit-roasted and dripping with jus."

**Quatrefoil, Dundas, Ont.**

"That's where Quatrefoil's skill lies: in reconstituting French classics with just enough regional sensibility to repatriate rather than replay them."

**EdGe, Sooke, B.C.** "EdGe's rare combination of back-country cool and culinary

chops suits Sookies and travelling foodies alike."

**Buca, Toronto.** "The funghi pie is superlative ... Cut the rectangular crust with scissors. Add something green — wild dandelion salad with figs. And something salty — delicate coppa or fried pigs' ears."

**Le Quartier General, Montreal.** "The Stanstead rabbit loin is stuffed with rabbit confit and rabbit chorizo — three ways in one. Suckling pig encased in the faintest of phyllo comes on black quinoa."

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► Ski resorts are amping up their forays into social media.

# Apps for the slopes

► New social media apps bring technology to ski resorts, from geotags to automatic tweets ► It's a new approach to driving customer loyalty

This season, there's more to technology on the ski slopes than the new shapes in skis.

As skiers and snowboarders head online to book vacations and then

brag about it, Colorado resorts are amping up their social media and smartphone applications to reach them, offering everything from geotagging to automatic Twitter updates.

Vail Resorts Inc. and Aspen Skiing Co. are launching new apps, and resort employees industry-wide are plastering Facebook walls and tweeting about recent snowfall and special deals that might not be available anywhere else.

"It's definitely part of this trend of 'marketing made personal,'" said Melanie Mills, president and chief executive officer of Colorado Ski Country USA. "Everyone is using technology to talk more directly with their guests."

Past seasons have seen ski and snowboard manufacturers touting new equipment shapes. This season, techies are buzzing about Vail Resorts' free EpicMix mobile and online application, which uses radio frequency identification tags on lift tickets and season passes.

The RFID tags and new scanners on lift towers let EpicMix track customers' ski days and vertical feet logged at Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail and Beaver Creek in Colorado and Heavenly in California, without a rider doing anything extra.

Customers who opt in can have that information posted on their Twitter and Facebook updates, and their visits can earn them digital "pins," similar to what Gowalla and Foursquare offer. (For now, EpicMix pins don't translate into real-life rewards.)



► A virtual lift ticket from ski software company RTP.

At RTP, the company is beefing up the Realski iPhone application that acts as an interactive trail map for dozens of North American resorts. Users hold up a newer iPhone to see a video image of whatever a skier is viewing on the mountain, and tags of nearby trails, restaurants and restrooms digitally pop up on the screen.

Realski 2.0, available this season, packs in more information. It also lets users take screen shots and geotag them.

Need to find that powder stash again? Take a picture and geotag it, so that Realski can point the way back. Afraid of forgetting where the car is parked? Take a picture and geotag it. Same with that glove that fell off during a ride on the lift.

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# Foodie gets a wake-up call

After being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes — or adult-onset — Vancouver food stylist Nathan Fong turned his whole life around

Avid foodie Nathan Fong got the shock of his life when he was diagnosed recently with adult-onset Type 2 diabetes.

The Vancouver-based food and props stylist for culinary print and film advertising had been feeling uncharacteristically lethargic so he went to his physician.

"I live a healthy lifestyle and exercise regularly," says the trim Fong. And he is a busy man.

He is regularly featured on CBC Radio, has a weekly television show, Saturday Chef, airing on Global BCTV, writes a regular newspaper column on food and contributes culinary articles to various international magazines.

"But growing up in an Asian family, we are very susceptible to Type 2 diabetes because of all the rice and noodles we eat."

Those foods are high in carbohydrates, which convert to sugar in the body, and consuming too much can lead some people to develop the disease.

"I used to be a three-bowl-of-rice person at mealtime," Fong says, "because I thought rice would make me healthy and strong."

Several other ethnic groups are also prone to Type 2 diabetes, he says.

"Latinos and Hispanics are really susceptible because their diet, like corn tamales and tortillas, are all high-carb and east Indians and Aboriginals are so inclined."

Canadians need to find out if they are at risk of developing adult onset Type 2 diabetes and change their eating habits, or he predicts there will be many more than the two million who already have the condition.



► Nathan Fong.

Diabetes occurs when the pancreas is unable to produce enough insulin or when the body doesn't use the insulin effectively.

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## Start your day with nutritious baked eggs

To mark Diabetes Awareness Month, here is a breakfast recipe that would suit the meal plans of people with Type 2 diabetes, as well as anyone who wants to eat well.

### Baked Eggs With Prosciutto

#### Preparation:

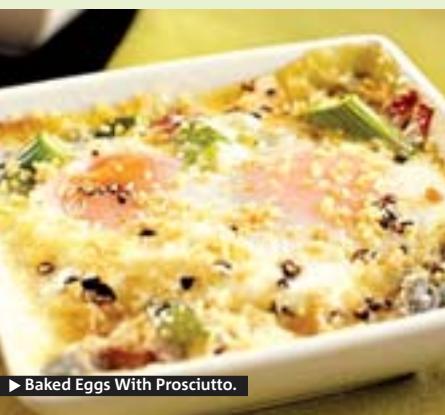
1 Preheat oven to 190 C (375 F). Spray 4 ramekins with cooking spray.

2 For each serving, divide asparagus and prosciutto among ramekins, crack 2 eggs, drizzle each with 30 to 45 ml (2 to 3 tbsp) cream and season

gently with salt and pepper.

3 Bake for about 6 minutes or until whites of eggs are set and yolks are still loose. Sprinkle top of eggs with breadcrumbs. Makes 4 servings.

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► Baked Eggs With Prosciutto.

#### Ingredients: Baked Eggs With Prosciutto

- 4 medium stalks asparagus, blanched and cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) prosciutto, sliced 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick and cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch) dice
- 8 large eggs
- 120 to 180 ml (8 to 12 tbsp) 2 per cent evaporated milk
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) toasted whole-wheat breadcrumbs

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# Can you save a life?



"You could save a life."

The simple catchphrase for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) has been ingrained in our heads since childhood. But how many of us actually know how to perform the procedure? In an emergency, could you save a life?

Canadian Red Cross Instructor Nick Rondinelli says answering that question is the goal behind November's official designation as CPR Awareness Month.

Rondinelli, who is also director of Heart To Heart



First Aid CPR Services, says CPR accreditation often provides another equally important function.

"CPR training isn't just about saving people. It focuses on prevention, recovery and minimizing more problems," he says.

Rondinelli was inspired to learn and teach CPR after

witnessing a friend die from a lack of resuscitation. He gained his certification in 1993 and opened Heart to Heart a decade later. Recently it was expanded to facilitate greater in-house training and gained approval by Workers Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) as an independent certification locale for businesses.

He feels passionate about extolling the importance of proper training.

"There are a number of courses covering specific aspects," he said.

Introductory CPR Level A includes five hours of training in life-threatening, adult-only situations such as choking and stroke. The CPR Level C requires seven hours training with infant, child and adult situations.

Emergency First Aid/CPR Level C entails eight hours of emergency training in bleeding, anaphylaxis and asthma. A two-day Standard First Aid/CPR Level C course, which looks at head injury, spinal and burns, offers greater coverage.

For newcomers, Rondinelli suggests the latter, as it addresses many potential crises. Courses are available at a number of au-

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NICK RONDINELLI

thorized facilities with prices ranging from \$55 to \$100 per employee, depending on the course.

"Patrons receive a student manual, three-year certification and AED (Automatic External Defibrillation) training," he notes, adding that the three-year cap ensures return students learn CPR advancements as introduced every five years.

Most workplaces are required to have a designated number of First Aid and CPR-trained staff on-hand. Earlier this year, the American Heart Association updated its CPR guidelines, including a call for more chest compressions and less excessively ventilating.

"So many people have told me about friends, family or colleagues who had medical emergencies but since they didn't know how to recognize life-threatening symptoms or how to address them, it caused loss of life," Rondinelli says. "Every one was preventable with a few hours of basic CPR training."

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**E**mily Carasco did what everyone does when they want a job — she fought for it. When she didn't get it, she asked the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal to give it to her anyway.

Carasco applied for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor. She was one of two people shortlisted for the position. During the final stages of the interview process a colleague accused Carasco of plagiarizing part of a textbook.

When Carasco didn't get the position, she filed an application with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal alleging that the interview process was racist and sexist, and that her colleague had intentionally "sabotaged" her application. She asked the Tribunal to give her the position of dean of law for five years as well as monetary damages.

Carasco also asked the Tribunal to prevent the University from appointing a new dean until her application could be decided. Her rationale was that, the position of dean

is for a five-year term. If the university appointed a new dean now, the tribunal would not be able to appoint her as dean if her case was successful.

Although an extraordinary remedy, in general, human rights tribunals have the power to appoint people to positions, even if they have already been filled. The tribunal also has the ability to make an order directing any party to do anything to promote compliance with human rights legislation. However, this would be the first time such a job was imposed by the tribunal.

While the tribunal refused to grant Carasco's interim request to stop the search process and prevent the university from appointing a dean, it confirmed that it has the ability to unilaterally appoint Carasco as dean in the future, should it decide to do so. This case serves as a warning to employers to ensure that their hiring processes are free of discrimination since at least one tribunal has ruled that it can give an otherwise unsuccessful applicant what they wanted in the first place — the position they applied for.

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# Standing up to bullying

► Kids encouraged to take a stand during Bullying Awareness Week ► Peers have the power to stop it

November 15-21 marks Family Channel's eighth annual Bullying Awareness Week and the network, along with their partner organization, PREVNet, a national network committed to ending bullying and promoting positive relationships, want to equip students with the resources they need to stand up to bullying.

"In Canadian playgrounds it is estimated that bullying takes place every 7.5 minutes and the impact of those actions is both damaging and long lasting," said Debra Pepler, distinguished research professor and doctor of psychology at York University and scientific co-director of PREVNet. "Bullying Awareness Week gives us a fantastic opportunity to talk about these issues and hopefully provide students with the skills they need to tackle bullying year round."

PREVNet is especially interested in the role of bystanders in bullying situations. Research by the organization indicates that bullying typically occurs in front of an audience of peers who have the power to either stop or prolong the bullying episode based on their actions. In the majority of cases, when bystanders do intervene in bullying situations, bullying stops

**"I'm proud to be a part of an initiative that raises awareness about an issue that is sadly all too prominent with students."** NIKKI YANOFSKY

within 10 seconds. PREVNet is keen to encourage kids to stand up to bullying by offering the following suggestions for students who witness bullying behaviour.

Assertively, but not aggressively, tell the child or youth who is bullying to stop.

Give attention and support to the child who is victimized.

Students should tell a responsible adult – a parent, teacher, coach, or group leader – if they see an incident of bullying.

Pepler is aware that for many children, confronting bullying behaviour when they see it can be difficult. "These strategies are a challenge and I would encourage parents and teachers to discuss and rehearse these strategies with their children. It really is so important that students feel empowered to stand up to bullying and they need adult support to do this."

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## Song at the heart of anti-bullying campaign

Actions may speak louder than words, but Family Channel is proving that both are equally important with its eighth annual Bullying Awareness Week campaign, which this year runs November 15-21 and uses the power of song to connect with Canada's youth.

Aptly titled Sing Stand UP!, the network's campaign enlists the help of three Canadian musical artists to provide their own bullying-prevention anthems for the initiative. Canadian singing sensation Nikki Yanofsky,

Lindsay Hamilton and rising star Saveria each took up the challenge.

"I'm proud to be a part of an initiative that raises awareness about an issue that is sadly all too prominent with students," said Yanofsky, who is the voice behind Vancouver 2010's I Believe.

Yanofsky has recorded a rendition of the popular Ooh Child, while newcomer Saveria composed a song entitled Don't Push Me Down. Hamilton performs her own composition, Dream On.

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► Bullying typically occurs in front of an audience.

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## sports

## Sports in brief



**1** Zach Parise is going to be sidelined three months with a knee injury.

**2** The San Diego Chargers have waived outside linebacker Shawne Merriman.

**3** The Orlando Magic-New York Knicks game at Madison Square Garden was postponed yesterday because of safety concerns after debris fell into the arena.

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# Blueprint for baseball success?

► The Giants won the Series with a superb pitching staff, a trend that may be followed

Success in pro sports often causes a champion's rivals to play follow the leader, and if that's the case in baseball this winter, what lessons can other teams take from the San Francisco Giants?

Few experts predicted that their collection of ace pitchers and lineup castoffs would win the World Series when the playoffs began, particularly after they only clinched the National League West title on the final day of the regular season.

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos believes San Francisco's unlikely victory only underlines that there is no single roadmap to baseball's summit, while one American League scout suggested other clubs may mimic the Giants' emphasis on homegrown pitching.

Either way, both felt the post-season reinforced the notion of playoff unpredictability where the best team doesn't always win, but rather the one that happens to be playing best at the time.

"There's merit to that," Anthopoulos said yesterday.

"You can be as good a

**697** The Giants offence ranked 17th of 30 teams in the majors with just 697 runs scored during the season.

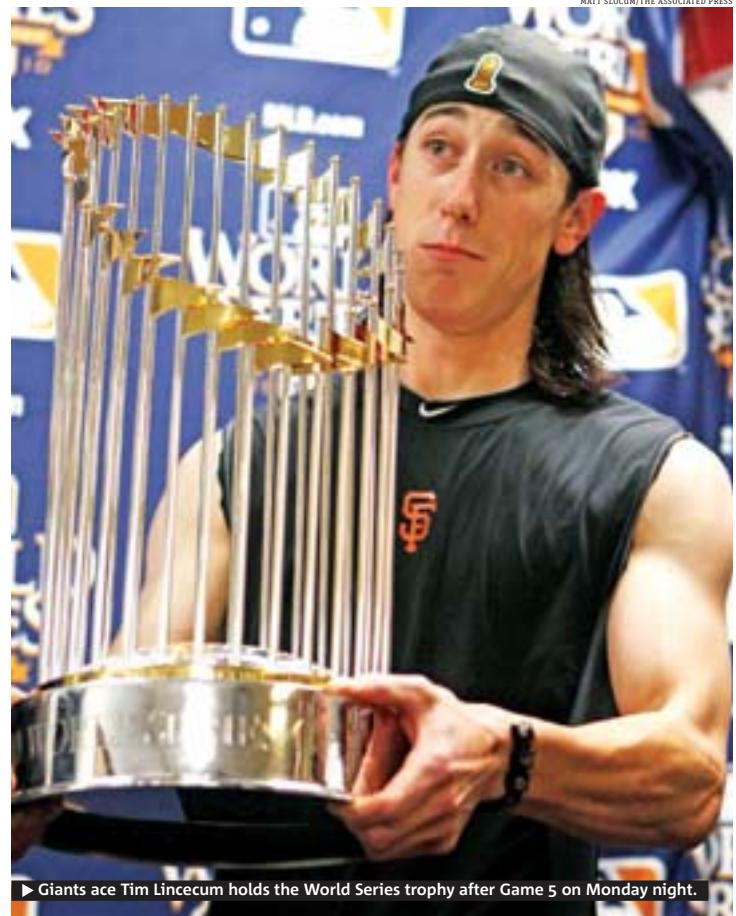
team as you can be on paper, but if you slump or don't play well in the post-season then you're going to get bounced."

San Francisco's stellar pitching staff was acquired predominantly through the draft. That's what really caught the AL scout's attention, and he thinks other teams may start prioritizing pitching in the coming drafts as a result.

"For years it was pitching, pitching, pitching for the Giants," said the scout. "They took Madison Bumgarner in the first round 10th overall (in 2007), Tim Lincecum, 10th overall (in 2006), they hit on those guys. Matt Cain, 25th overall (in 2002), they did well there. They got Brian Wilson (24th round in 2003) and Jonathan Sanchez (27th round in 2004).

"They got the bats through the secondary or third markets, so great job on the amateur scouting for the arms, and the pro scouting for the bats."

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► Giants ace Tim Lincecum holds the World Series trophy after Game 5 on Monday night.

## Opinion

**BRIAN COSTELLO**

THE HOCKEY NEWS



## BOO-MEESTER SO OVERPAID IT'S SCARY

Instead of discreetly picking on captain Jarome Iginla as the poster boy for underachievers, maybe coach Brent Sutter ought to try to squeeze a little more out of the player once known as Jay Bouwmeester.

**B**oo-meester has pretty much blended into the woodwork since arriving from Florida in 2009 and signing a five-year contract worth \$33 million. Not since Wade Redden has a player fallen from Canadian Olympic team pedigree to ordinary so quickly. Redden, 33, is now in the AHL, making Boo-meester the most overpaid defenceman in the NHL.

At \$6.68-million cap hit, Boo-meester is the third highest-paid defenceman in the NHL behind Brian Campbell (\$7.142 million) and Zdeno Chara (\$6.916 million).

The list of defencemen making less than Boo-meester's cap hit include Duncan Keith, Chris Pronger, Dan Boyle, Mike Green, Nicklas Lidstrom, Andrei Markov, and on and on.

It's not that Boo-meester is lousy. He just doesn't do a whole heckuva lot. For his kind of stipend and his skating ability, he should be rushing the puck more, quarterbacking the power play and leading the offence from the blue-line.

In Calgary, Boo-meester has shown himself to be not overly creative with the puck, an average passer and a sub-standard pass receiver (watch pucks bounce

clumsily off his stick when he's accepting a pass).

In Florida, Bouwmeester was a two-way force, scoring 42 goals in his last three seasons, near the top among NHL defencemen.

In Calgary, Boo-meester went 57 games without a goal last season and has just four in 93 games. His 29 points last season ranked just 53rd among NHL defencemen and he's not any better this season.

Defensively, Boo-meester is much better than average, though he is prone to giveaways when he relies on passing the puck out of danger rather than skating it out, which is sometimes the better option. He's a minute-muncher and he's generally reliable. But so are similarly talented defencers such as Marc-Eduard Vlasic in San Jose (\$3.1 million) and Brett Jackman in St. Louis (\$3.6 million).

Sadly, Boo-meester isn't a hitter and doesn't instil fear in opponents for parking near the crease, the way similar body-types Pronger and Chara do.

The Flames clearly overpaid for Boo-meester a year ago. They were seduced by his size, skating ability and youth. Imagine if Calgary had earmarked that cap hit to keep Mike Cammalleri instead?



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## By Comparison

**Honda Element**

Base price: \$28,600  
The high-roof, four-passenger bread box could be a bit past its prime.

**Nissan Juke**

Nissan Juke  
Base price: \$21,400  
Quirky styling inside and out, which should attract youthful buyers.

**Mitsubishi RVR**

Base price: \$23,700  
2011 fuel-sipping small ute looks handsome, arrives well-equipped.



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► Even with the Mini Clubman, cargo space is at a premium, but the new 2011 Mini Countryman adds about 25 per cent.

# A Mini for the masses



## Meet the Mini

What you should know about the 2011 Mini Cooper Countryman...

- **Type:** Four-door, compact front- / all-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle
- **Engines (hp):** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (122); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (184)
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
- **Market Position:** Thrifty buyers looking for more modest and fuel-efficient sport utility vehicles will have a number of new models to choose from, including the groundbreaking Countryman.
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.5/5.8 (1.6, MT, est.); Base price (incl. destination): \$30,000 (est.)

mean crowded or cramped, which is how tall folks are made to feel when climbing aboard or extricating themselves from the basic Mini or even the extended-length Clubman.

The Countryman is about 15 centimetres taller than its siblings and is also 10 centimetres wider for added shoulder and elbow room.

The rear doors are generously proportioned, allowing easy access for two adults perched atop flat-folding bucket seats.

A three-place rear bench will reportedly be a no-cost option.

Opening the big rear hatch accesses a decent-sized storage compartment.

It will also be the biggest.

Yet when compared to any other similar-sized sport utility vehicles on the market (say the Honda Element or upcoming Nissan Juke and Mitsubishi RVR), the Countryman will still be the smallest of this funky bunch.

Luckily, small doesn't

With the back seats folded, there's about 25 per cent more capacity than you'll find inside a Mini Clubman.

Both rows are divided by a full-length console that Mini refers to as a "Centre Rail."

Here, the cupholders, USB plug-in ports (for your portable music player) and arm rest slide fore and aft along aluminum tracks.

Each back seat can be adjusted forward or back up to 13 centimetres, whether you need to max out passenger leg room or cargo space.

The control panel will be familiar to anyone who has been in a Mini, especially the large circular display pod in the middle of the dash that contains the

speedometer, fuel gauge, audio controls and the optional navigation system.

The higher output John Cooper Works package

that's optional on the Mini Cooper S and Mini Clubman S won't be available — at least initially — for the Countryman, but a Sport option with a lowered ride height (for improved handling) and unique wheels will be offered.

This type of variety is just what the Countryman needs to reach a wider audience than either the Cooper or Clubman.

With more size, room, seating and all-wheel-drive capability, it is, quite literally, a big step in a whole new direction to become a Mini for the masses.

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# Regal on the road

► Last-gen A6 owners could brag about their smooth, sleek set of wheels

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**Tip**  
Canadian drivers get over the winter blahs like a premium European luxury sedan equipped with All Wheel Drive (AWD). Audi is arguably the world's leading manufacturer of premium AWD cars, and

The specs	
► MODEL	1998 to 2004
Audi A6	
► VEHICLE TYPE	Sedan or Wagon
► APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE	\$4,000 to \$15,000

their A6 is a luxury sedan or wagon that brings decades of Quattro AWD history into the same marketplace as the Mercedes-

### Benz E-Class and BMW 5-Series.

The last generation of Audi's luxurious mid-range cruiser was sold in the Canadian market from 1998 to 2004.

### What owners like

Last-gen A6 owners typically rave about gorgeous interiors, a smooth and comfortable driving experience, great all-weather traction, generous interior space and smooth performance.

### What owners hate

Cupholders, a dated driver computer readout, and meeker-than-expected performance with the 2.8 litre engine were common complaints. The A6 is a heavy machine too—so fuel mileage isn't one of its strongest attributes, either.

### Common issues

If considering a unit with the 2.7 liter turbo engine, especially with higher mileage, approach the ve-



► The Audi A6 featured heated and motorized leather seating, wood trim and premium audio with CD changer

hicle assuming the turbochargers are worn out and need replacement. A check by a certified Audi mechanic familiar with the vehicle can prove otherwise.

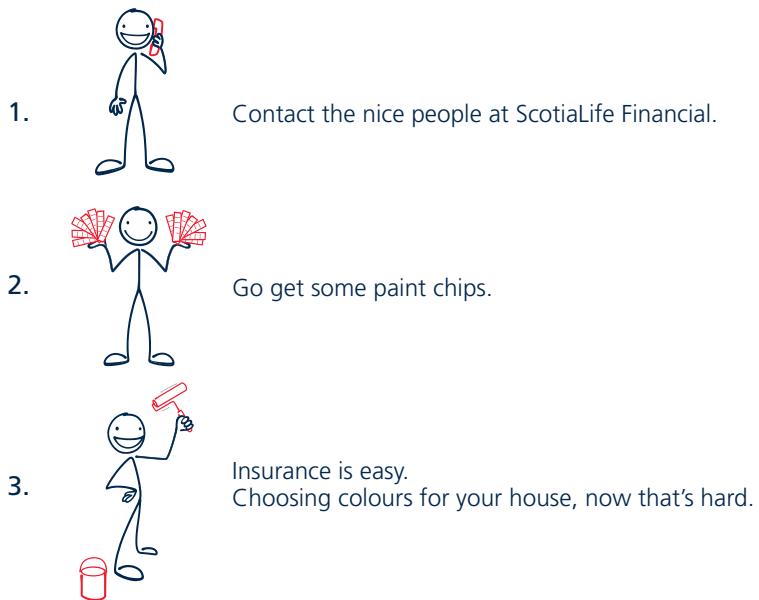
### The verdict

End of the day, a clean, well-maintained and trouble-free A6 should prove a

tremendously comfortable year-round cruiser for years to come. Like many of its German competitors, it should boast solid drivetrain reliability, with most issues being electronic in nature.

As such, shoppers are advised to opt for an extended warranty where possible.

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# SOME WINNER DRIVES

## Auto Pilot

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**A** total of 144 vehicles representing 48 specific nameplates participated last week in what has come to be known as AJAC TestFest.

Some went home with frayed tires, bug splats, and empty tanks. Others went home with all that — plus hardware proclaiming them as “class winners.”

See the side bar for the full list of first-prize winners.

But if you’re having a temporary bout of ADD right this minute, allow me to quickly summarize...

GM walked away with three wins — all in “car” classes (Chevrolet Cruze, Buick Regal, Cadillac CTS-V), signaling it’s definitely on track to wean itself from pickup truck and SUV dependency.

Ford had two wins. The Canadian-built Ford Edge, redesigned for 2011 with a nifty new infotainment interface, beat out the all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee (no slouch either).

Fiesta also won its class, but was in tough with Mazda2, with which it shares much engineering and chassis bits.

VW also won two classes: Touareg was proclaimed Best SUV Over \$50K, while Jetta TDI drove away with Best Family Car

under \$30,000 honours, edging out another great new entry, the Hyundai Sonata.

Two iconic German nameplates, BMW 5 Series and Porsche 911 (in the heady Turbo S guise) upheld their reputations, with wins in Luxury Car and Prestige Car, respectively.

Toyota Sienna and Honda Odyssey had the Best New Minivan class to themselves this year. The Sienna prevailed.

Hyundai’s dramatic redesign of Tucson won a squeaker over the equally all-new Kia Sportage, in the Best New SUV/CUV (\$35K-\$50K) class.

As you can tell by how many times we’ve already used the words “Best New,” to be eligible for the competition vehicles have to be completely new or substantially redesigned from previous years.

The term “Test Fest” was quickly adopted as a way to short form the AJAC process, because the process is complicated. But it is also extremely thorough, and unbiased (voters culled from multiple media outlets).

AJAC, which is Canada’s association of automotive journalists, takes over Niagara Regional Airport for a complete week every October.



► The Cadillac CTS-V Coupe took home the top prize in the Best New Sports/Performance Car category

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## AJAC FIRST-PRIZE WINNERS

- Best New Small Car (under \$21K) Ford Fiesta (score of 690)
- Best New Small Car (over \$21K) Chevrolet Cruze (score of 695)
- Best New Family Car (under \$30K) VW Jetta TDI Clean Diesel (score of 691)
- Best New Family Car (over \$30K) Buick Regal (score of 652)
- Best New Luxury Car (over \$50K) BMW 5 Series Sedan (score of 671)
- Best New Prestige Car (over \$75K) Porsche 911 Turbo S (score of 647)
- Best New Sports/Performance Car Cadillac CTS-V Coupe (score of 643)
- Best New Minivan Toyota Sienna (score of 678)
- Best New SUV/CUV (under \$35K) Hyundai Tucson (score of 653)
- Best New SUV/CUV (\$35K-\$50K) Ford Edge (score of 656)
- Best New SUV/CUV (over \$50K) VW Touareg (score of 650)

# On an even wheel

► Nissan’s torque vectoring system helps balance the base of your vehicle

## DRIVING FORCE

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Despite its name, all-wheel-drive (AWD) is very seldom all four wheels driving the car equally.

In many cases, especially

on lower-priced AWD vehicles, torque — the engine’s power — is distributed between the front and rear axles.

A more sophisticated system can also further distribute it between individual wheels, as it does with Nissan’s torque vectoring system. It’s found

on the all-new Juke crossover, where the company says it’s the only car in its segment with such a feature.

“Not only does it split torque up to 50/50 between the front and rear wheels for additional traction, it can also split side-to-side across the rear axle,

up to 50 percent on either side,” says Rui Nunes, manager, chief marketing manager for Nissan Canada. “This results in improved vehicle stability, cornering and overall performance.”

Front-wheel-drive vehicles power the front wheels only; the engine

and transmission are not connected to the rear wheels, which are “pulled along” by the front ones. In an AWD vehicle, a shaft runs lengthwise under the car to the rear wheels to send power to them. The AWD Juke initially powers its front wheels only, until the driver hits a switch to engage the all-wheel system. From there, the vehicle’s sensors constantly monitor it, determining if a rear wheel needs to be powered.

“The front wheels are always equally powered, left to right,” Nunes says. “The rear can shift depending on environmental con-

ditions, such as rain, snow, mud or gravel.

If you’re cornering, it could send, say, 42 percent to one rear wheel and 8 percent to the other, because the one that needs more traction gets sent more torque.

If you didn’t have the torque vectoring, it would only be able to split the torque between the front and rear, not from side to side as well.”

The new Nissan system is also considerably lighter than most other AWD systems, which improves fuel efficiency and vehicle handling when compared to heavier ones.

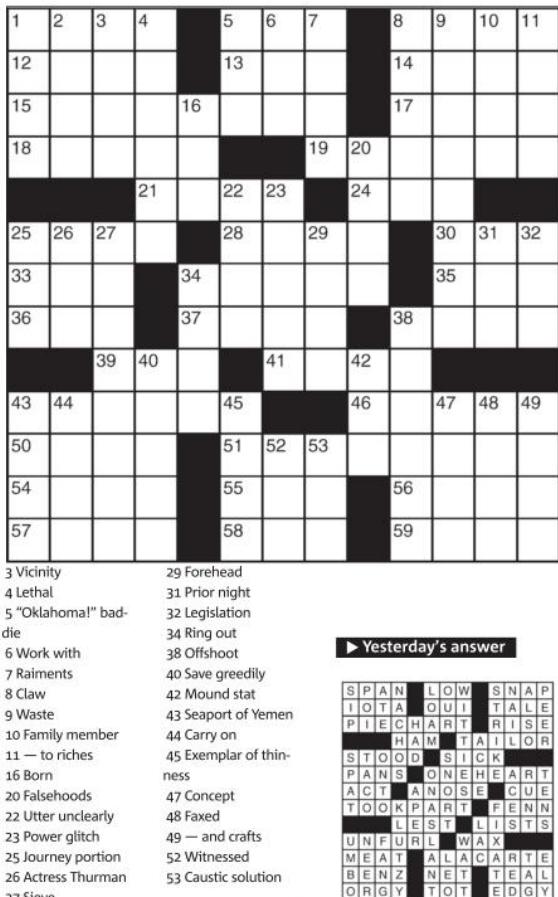
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**Across**

1 Herring's cousin  
5 Moonshine vessel  
8 Despot  
12 Swampy area  
13 G8 member  
14 Blue hue  
15 Poisonous shrub with white flowers  
17 Breather?  
18 Air freshener brand  
19 Swells up  
21 Minus  
24 Hostel  
25 Classic TV star  
28 Garage job, for short  
30 N.J. neighbour  
33 Comedian Phillips  
34 Sounds contented  
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36 Cowboy's sweetie  
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38 Make coffee  
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50 Arp's style  
51 Gilean, e.g.  
54 Always  
55 Has permission  
56 Minimal change  
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58 Ram's ma'am  
59 Dr. Seuss' "The 500 — of Bartholomew Cubbins"

**Down**

1 Urban blight  
2 Jack and Jill's hurdle  
3 Vicinity  
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## ► Yesterday's answer

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## Today's horoscope



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**Aries** March 21-April 20 You'll get all excited about something today, and that's good, but don't get carried away or you might lose your sense of perspective.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22 If you have fallen behind in your schedule and need to catch up this will be a busy day. If you are ahead in your work it will still be a busy day but you'll also be able to treat yourself to something nice.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Only get involved in someone else's personal problems if (a) you know they won't mind, and (b) you definitely have the solution to their woes. Otherwise steer well clear.

**Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You like to be in control but not even a Virgo can see all possibilities, and what happens today will most likely take you by surprise. It will also take you on a journey of self-discovery.

**Gemini** May 22-June 21 Keep a sense of perspective about work and health issues. Don't let them dominate your thoughts. If you start brooding about how you feel you will almost certainly make yourself feel even worse.

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you want something enough you can usually find a way to get it, but what you desire today has a hefty price tag attached, so the most important question is: can you afford it?

**Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be desperate to start something new but the planets warn you should give it a bit more time before you begin. The new moon at the weekend will be your signal to begin.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Are you trying too hard to be original? Are you trying too hard to impress those around you? Don't worry what colleagues or rivals may think of you.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be incredibly driven to succeed but have you ever asked yourself what it's all for? Maybe you should. Looking back years from now will you regret the good times you missed because you were working?

**Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You are remarkably motivated at the moment and there is little doubt you will reach your goals. Others may say you have set your sights too high but this is just the start.

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 You have decided on a course of action. Now all you have to do is apply yourself. If you allow yourself the luxury of second thoughts your progress will be limited. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Lizette my sweet little princess, I know that in the past my anniversary gifts have kind of sucked, so I thought I'd make it up to you by letting the whole city know that I LOVE YOU! Your misguided admirer, MILOS

My Big Eye Sexy Baby, You mean everything to me. I don't care what happened in the past and what's happening now, I'll wait for you for the rest of my life. I Love You. YOUR BIG BEAR BEA

Shout out to my babe on his big day! I love your tush in those tight grey pants and hope that it will be forever mine. Happy birthday!! Xxoo, YOUR MONKEY My Sweet Danu, Good Morning Laddu! You mean the world to me. Missing you so much baby. Waiting to see you in 9 days. I'm so lucky to have you in my life. I love you so much! Ummah! YOUR KIDDO

## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

5	3	1	7	8	6	9	2	4
6	8	9	4	2	5	3	7	1
4	2	7	3	9	1	8	5	6
9	1	5	6	4	8	2	3	7
3	6	8	2	7	9	4	1	5
2	7	4	1	5	3	6	8	9
1	9	6	5	3	2	7	4	8
8	4	2	9	1	7	5	6	3
7	5	3	8	6	4	1	9	2

## A look at the weather

TODAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Min 1° Max 11° Min 4° Max 16° Min 2° Max 17°



Andrew Schultz,  
Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 6AM

## Caption contest



"Next time we're taking the rabbit hole."  
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